life. Thi- drink sipped in is the Mother's nectared love. The
.loop tliat refreshes is repose on the Mother's lap.

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What is
the darkness oi the night but the drawing dosex of the Mother
that tin- child may be alone with Her in the sweet slumbers ft ^
out ot which the child shall bound back into refreshed life !||
by dnv break? We see His huge Bosom, the Infinite Bosom of tlie Mother, overflowing with the milk of life and
stmu(th. He holds to our Ups not only the cup of joy but
,iJso tin- nip of sorrow and like the tenderest mother on earth
mailk us drink tho bitterest draught for our soul's life and
salvation.
Just <is it ih iho most perfect pleasure and most rich of
,UI pi^.tsnu^s for a child to have its mother by, even only to
t<u;l tlut slu» is them and with it or within reach of its cry,
so to our soul, the more sense of God's nearness and presence
is llu* m »sf frcqiKmt and the most delightful of all enjoyments.
Oil, what n torrinc pang and torture we suffer when sepa-
Tatrd horn *Him* ! Day in and day out. He is with us as a
huma^i mother by the child's cradle with her constant care, ^ ?
reti^I^s w<Urhluhuiss, inexhaustible kindness and inter- J (
minablr lovis He is [lie main factor in our lives, the sun
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**iud r<*ntu$ round which we, like children, revolve and to 1
which w^ cling tenaciously.
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Evru ^ the infant knows nothing in this world except

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ifs father and its mother ; even as it lisps in semi-
articulate |T!
lau^mi ^ with great tenderness the name of its father
and ^ <J
motluT and rm^ni.sc.s them and them alone ; so shall
our (
I^s,u"ls r^ *o;nise Him, our Benign Mother, as our all-
in all! ! j,
Ewu as thi* *child* recognises its parents not through
knowledge,
not tUronuh i^lulosoi^ixy but instinctively, so our
hearts, in a
.statu of r^tsnoratc cKistence, instinctively recognise
Him
as oLt Divine I^wmt. Even as the world's temptations
liavu nn iutlutiurc uver children, even as there is no
distinction
whatever in ilxmr eyes between the grass that fades
and withers
tod is tyoddw undbr fcct by men and the riches and
treasures ^ ^